

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

I took extreme care to ensure that these projects are well vetted and strongly supported within the community. The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence appropriation is of particular interest to my district and importance to my constituents.

IN CELEBRATION OF PASTOR
JOHN RICE FOR 39 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS PASTOR

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the service of Pastor John Rice of Chicago Heights, Illinois. Pastor Rice has served his boyhood church, St. Bethel, for 39 years. Since he began his tenure, St. Bethel has flourished, with its membership growing to over 300 families. The church has been able to undertake many new projects under

Pastor Rice's leadership, including the construction of the Bethel Community Center. The construction of the community center and the growth of the church would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and faith of Pastor Rice.

I have had the good fortune of working with Pastor Rice and have seen his work first hand. He has touched many lives, including the underprivileged, for whom he is a tireless champion. St. Bethel Church and the community of Chicago Heights are long indebted to Pastor Rice for his great service.

On June 28, 2009, Pastor Rice will be honored at St. Bethel. He will be accepting much deserved praise on that day. It is with great pride that I recognize all of his many accomplishments and wish him a continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was on official leave

of absence from the U.S. House of Representatives on account of illness and unable to vote on rollcall vote 328 to H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 taken on June 10, 2009. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I am strongly opposed to the irresponsible spending increases contained in the bill and favored a Republican substitute which was offered at the committee level which saved nearly \$2.84 billion dollars, while tightening sanctions against Iran, adding new measures to increase foreign military funding for Israel, and supporting missile defense for Israel. In a time of national financial uncertainty, I believe it is irresponsible to create unnecessary new programs and pass such large funding increases. In addition, I have significant concerns about the potential for taxpayer funded abortions that could result from the passage of this legislation.